have announced awards for the arrest of the other accused persons. Two persons have been arrested in this connection. Both monetary and material help has been provided to the effected families. Various developmental measures are also being taken to mitigate the hardship of the affected families and to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

2. Even though 'Public Order' is a State subject under Schedule VII of the Constitution, the Central Government is continuously reviewing and monitoring the situation in this regard. Detailed guidelines suggestion different preventive and corrective measures with regard to c:imes/atroci-ties against Harijans and other Weaker sections have been formulated by the Central Government and conveyed to all State Governments in September, 1980. These guidelines have been reiterated and re-emphasised.

3. The Government of Bihar has been asked to streamline policing and intelligence collection machinery in the area most affected by left extremist violence and from where most of the gruesome incidents of atrocities on Harijans arc being reported. With this in view manifold assistance has been provided by the Central Government to the Government of Bihar in terms of deployment of additional Central Forces, supply of additional lire arms and ammunition, radio communication equipment and training facilities for State Police Personnel.

4. According to the report received from the State Government a Harijan/Tribal Cell is functioning in the Home (Police) Department since 1976 which is headed by a DIG. Under this Cell one Harjan/ Tribal Police Station is also functioning for effective monitoring of all cases relating to atrocities on Harijans and Tribals. Steps are taken to expedite investigation and trial of such cases. Instructions have been issued that wherever there is apprehension of use of fire-arms by landlords against Harijans/Tribals their fire-arms should be seized. District Officers have also been authorised to appoint local lawyers and direct Public Prosecuters to take up cases on behalf of Harijans and Tribals. Legal aid is also being provided to Hari-jansyTribals in all civil cases relating to land disputes. Insti uctions have been issued to lix responsibility on local functionaries for collection of intelligence relating to apprehension of atrocities.

Funds given by the Commercial Banks to *the* Indian Express Group of Papers

3922. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister oi FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds lent to Indian Express group of papcis by Commercial banks were transferred to another associated or related companies during 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such inter-corporate transfer of funds and use made of such transferred funds by other related companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUAkDO FALEIRO;: (a) and (b) In accordance with the statutes governing banks and practices and usages customary amongst bankers, banks cannot divulge information relating to their individual constituents.

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3923. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या वित्त, मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार तथा भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने विभिन्न सहकारी बैंकों द्वारा किसानों को दिए गए ऋणों के संबंध में रियायत दिए जाने के बारे में कुछ